

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO  
DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL  
EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR  
IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

Applicant submits this communication in further response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006 and Amendment filed May 18, 2006. Further reconsideration of the application in view of the enclosed Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested.

### FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☐ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.